REMARKS

The Office action of April 28, 2008 has been carefully reviewed. Applicant noted that claims 2, 4, 7, 9, 23 and 25 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) and all pending claims were rejected under 35 USC 112, the first paragraph for lack of enablement.

The Examiner's objection to claim forms under 37 CFR 1.75(c) is well taken and corrections have been made by amendments and canceling of the objected claims. It is respectfully submitted that the claims as presently amended have overcome the objection.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection made under 35 USC 112, the first paragraph for the reasons stated in the following comments.

Comments On The References Cited For Supporting The Rejection

(A) The Wong Reference

The Wong reference actually corroborates, rather than discredits, the validity and operability of the method of the present invention. It is plain to people of ordinary skill in the art that non-overlapping in the catenin measurement is not a prerequisite to practice (or enable) the present invention.

(B) The Osmer Reference

Osmer does not, and cannot, demonstrate that one gene is generally not enough for a diagnostic method, because such sweeping assertion runs contrary to many diagnostic methods used in the medical field.

(C) The Fleischhacker Reference

The difference between serum and plasma measurements says nothing, one way or the other, about whether a serum measurement would correlate with a certain disease. When the plasma measurement correlates with a disease, there is a strong Appl. No. 10/516,864 Amendment dated September 3, 2008 Submitted with RCE

likelihood that a corresponding serum measurement would also similarly correlate. The Fleischhacker reference does not say to the contrary.

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